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1. Summary and Conclusions

It was another active week, but a bit quieter than last week. The items that received the most press attention were the apparently unrelated assassinations of two journalists.

2. The guerrillas were for the most part quiet and the security forces scored no notable successes.

3. Assassinations

One of those killed was Jose TORON Barrios, shot down from a motorcycle in the capital September 5. He was an old CASTILLO Armas supporter and directed a clandestine radio station for CASTILLO before joining his "Liberation Army" in 1954. While evidence is far from conclusive, it is most likely he was a victim of the PGT/FAR.

4. The other newsworthy assassination was that of Jose Gonzalo ACEVEDO Ramirez, a tailor by vocation, a sports-writer (for LA HORA and other papers) by avocation, and described by the press as a PR supporter. He had been threatened by the CADEG, and it is presumed CADEG or their associates were responsible for his demise.

5. Other activity included the discovery of 7 more bodies, probably political victims, and 2 more kidnappings. There was also evidence of a pick-up in the activities of well-armed bandit groups operating in various parts of the country, but the 5 raids/robberies reported took place in different

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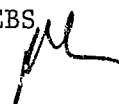
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sections of the country and don't necessarily indicate more than a general deterioration of respect for law and order.

6. There were a few indications that the country was becoming aware of and concerned by the continued high level of violence. These included a ruling that no more than 2 persons could ride on the same motorcycle and a plea by PRENSA LIBRE's Zarco that pistols--and even machetes--be strictly licensed.

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

- Sept. 1 - University student, Lizardo Izaguirre Girón, kidnapped by two unknown men in capital.
- 1 - Six machinegun-armed men raided house of PR Secretary General from Moyuta, Dept. Jutiapa, presumably intending to kidnap or assassinate him. He was away, however, and was thus saved.
- 3 - Two bodies found shot to death in Alotenango, Sacatepéquez. They had both been disfigured. One was identified as law student, Marco Tulio Guerra.
- 3 - Body found shot on banks of Naranjo River, Dept. San Marcos. Identified as Hipolite Coronado Guzman.
- 3 - New CADEG list circulated in capital contains 38 names. Included were 2 deputys: Ofelio Tarranz and Manuel Marroquin (Marroquin was also included on a Sept. 5 list circulated in Escuintla).
- 4 - Radio commentator and reporter, José Chavantay Torón Barrios assassinated by shots from motorcycle in front of his Zone 13 house. He had been old Castillo Armas supporter and a member of the Liberation Army.
- 5 - Presumed guerrilla collaborator, Antonio Sandoval Garcia, captured by police in San José Pinula, Dept. Guatemala.
- 5 - CADEG flyer appeared in Escuintla threatening PR Deputy Victor Manuel Marroquin and 2 others accused of being extreme leftists.
- 5 - Sportswriter from Zacapa, José Gonzalo ACEVEDO Ramirez, shot and killed in capital. Press reports identified him as PR supporter. He had been branded a "convinced red" and threatened by extreme rightist group CADEG.
- O/A 5 - Nine armed men, some masked, raided a finca in San Pedro Yepocapa, Chimaltenango. Stole Q250. Police reported as saying group from Escuintla and that their arrest was imminent.
- 6 - Four bodies found in Chuabaj near Chichicastenango, Dept. El Quiche. They have not yet been identified.

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- Sept. 6 - Five submachinegun-armed men stopped jeep near finca San José La Providencia, Dept. Retalhuleu. Stole Q100. Police reported saying guerrillas responsible.
- 6 - Submachinegun-armed group of four held up house near Toxisco, Dept. Santa Rosa. No political motive known.
- 6 - Policeman assaulted and revolver stolen by 2 machinegun-wielding men near Toxisco, Dept. Quilapa. No political motive known.
- 6 - Nine armed men raided finca Santa Rosa, Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa, Dept. Escuintla. Stole truck and Q300. No political motive known.
- 6 - Band of men armed with submachine guns kidnapped Sr. Pedro Paz y Paz from bus near Escuintla. No political motive known.*

* Sept. 8 press reports kidnapped party was in fact Pedro Fajardo Ajín, union leader on finca Concepción. Real identity still not clear.

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